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Mr. Jerome H. Supple
President
Southwest Texas State University
San Marcos, Texas 78666-4615

OR90-311

Dear Mr. Supple:

You ask whether the evaluations of research proposals by a university faculty committee are subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 8840.

We have considered the exception you claimed, specifically section 3(a)(11), and have reviewed the documents at issue. Previous determinations of this office, Open Records Decision Nos. 538 (1990), 466 (1987), and 174 (1977), copies of which are enclosed, resolve your request. The information in question consists of advice, opinion, and recommendation used in the deliberative process of the university. For this reason, you may withhold the requested information.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-311.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kay H. Guajardo".

Kay H. Guajardo
Assistant Attorney General
Opinion Committee

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Enclosure: Open Records Decision Nos. 538, 466, 174